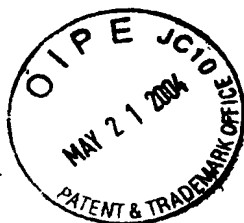


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Roger MASSEY
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For : BAR-STOCK BALL VALVE
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a three (3) month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including **May 26, 2004**.

[XXX] A check for the fees indicated below, based upon the Applicant's small entity status, accompanies this response.	
PETITION FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM	\$475
TOTAL:	\$475

In response to the official action mailed November 26, 2003, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.

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